

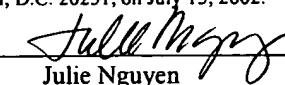


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In the application of:

Muto, et al.

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**DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE REGARDING
NON-COOPERATIVE INVENTORS**

WHEREAS, I, Kenneth Braskamp, President of DIGITAL SONICS, LLC, a California Company, having a place of business at 511-F Fifth Street, San Fernando, California, 90004, declare the following:

1. DIGITAL SONICS, LLC, acquired from the inventors the entire right, title and interest, for the territory of the United States of America and throughout the world, including any and all foreign rights and Convention priority rights, in and to the invention disclosed in the U.S. Provisional Patent Application, entitled FLAT PANEL SPEAKER, filed on July 23, 1999, Application No. 60/145,368 ("Invention"), and assignees' obligations to execute any and all domestic and foreign patent applications describing and claiming said invention without further consideration, and in conjunction therewith to execute any and

all further assignments or other documents which may be required for filing under the International Convention or for recording in Patent Offices throughout the world.

2. The inventors, including Richard Guy, Keiko Muto, and Mayuki Yanagawa, each executed a written assignment assigning the Invention to DIGITAL SONICS, LLC, on September 21, 1999. Enclosed are copies of the conveyances of Keiko Muto and Mayuki Yanagawa. The assignments were recorded at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 24, 2000, at Reel No. 010989, Frame No. 0295.
3. Even though they are contractually obligated, the inventors Keiko Muto and Mayuki Yanagawa subsequently indicated that they would refuse to cooperate with DIGITAL SONICS, LLC, to execute formal documents in connection with filing of patent applications.
4. Since then, DIGITAL SONICS, LLC had no choice but to file and prosecute patent applications without the cooperation of inventors Keiko Muto and Mayuki Yanagawa.
5. In connection with the filing of a counterpart PCT application (No. PCT/US00/40475; filed July 24, 2000), which claims the invention disclosed in and claims the priority of said Provisional Application No. 60/145,368, DIGITAL SONICS, LLC had to sign a Statement By Assignee Regarding Non-Cooperative Inventors, which was filed with the Patent Office in connection with said PCT application.
6. The present patent application is a continuation-in-part of said PCT application, including subject matter disclosed and claimed in said PCT application attributed to inventors Keiko Muto and Mayuki Yanagawa, and newly disclosed and claimed subject matter not attributed to the inventors Keiko Muto and Mayuki Yanagawa. Inventors Keiko Muto and Mayuki Yanagawa would not be cooperating with DIGITAL SONICS LLC to

execute the inventor declarations (naming additional inventors for the new subject matter) for the present continuation-in-part application.

7. Keiko Muto and Mayuki Yanagawa, two of the inventors of the Invention, have been compensated for their invention through DIGITAL SONICS, LLC.
8. DIGITAL SONICS, LLC, has paid all patent procurement expenses with regard to the Invention.
9. DIGITAL SONICS, LLC, considers the Invention to be of great importance to its business.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Executed on this 16 day of April, 2002 at Los Angeles, California.



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